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1. [redacted] house (see overlay on page 3.) [redacted] near Eisfeld (N 50-25, E 10-55). The house was made of brick and plaster. It was 30 x 20 meters, three stories high and had a tile covered gable and a flat roofing. The flat section of the roof covered the middle part of the building. The house was located some 100 meters south of the road. A stone wall, 1.5 meters high with a barrier gate, enclosed the front or road side of the house site. An armed soldier guarded the entrance day and night. A barbed wire fence enclosing the remaining sides of the house site, was patrolled at night only. The house was of prewar construction.
2. In the house was quartered the Second Company of the 93rd Separate Guard Battalion. Two rooms on the third floor were occupied by six VNOS personnel where a sergeant was in charge. They wore the usual Soviet Army uniforms. Black shoulder board with blue piping and signal corps insignia on the shoulder boards differentiated these men from the border guards. One room was used as sleeping quarters; the other was an operations room. [redacted] one telephone, one radio transmitter,¹ a set of earphones, a hand microphone, and a radio key. There was one more device [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] It was smaller than the radio transmitter and had various buttons, knobs, and dials.² This device was placed on the table next to the radio transmitter. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Only one VNOS soldier [redacted] 25X1

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was on duty. Another duty station was on the roof, where a wooden shack was built on the flat section of the roof. The soldier on duty was equipped with binoculars and a telephone. Also on the roof, an antenna was strung between two wooden poles, five meters high and 20 meters apart. One end of the wire led into the window of the operations room. There were two men on duty 24 hours a day.

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No vehicles were assigned to the VNOS unit permanently. One or two times per month a vehicle arrived from an unknown point either bringing replacements or supplies. An officer always accompanied the vehicle. This was the only VNOS station along the section, approximately 40 kilometers long, assigned to the 2nd company.

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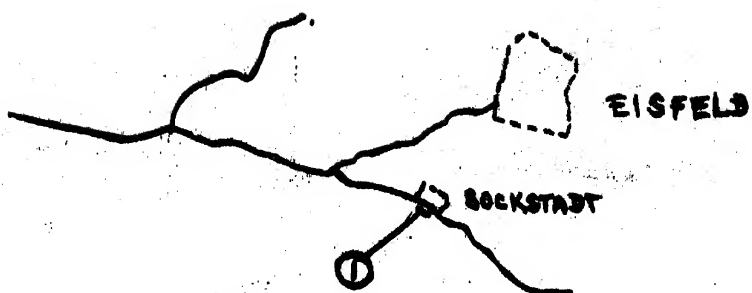
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Location of VNOS

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11°00' E
50°30'



①—House in which VNOS personnel were quartered.

10°30' E
50°30'

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